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MEMORANDUM FOR: All Operating Officials

SUBJECT : Security Classification for the National Photographic Interpretation Center

1. In light of the history of the National Photographic Interpretation Center (NPIC), its previous method of operations and the recent public attention drawn to the fact that CIA is the potential occupant of Building 213, Naval Weapons Plant, the Director of Central Intelligence has decided not to implement a light cover plan drawn up for NPIC several months ago. Instead, NPIC is to be treated simply as a classified activity and, from a security standpoint, administered in the same way as other operating components of CIA.

2. The following security provisions are set forth for the continuing protection of this activity:

a. The title "National Photographic Interpretation Center" is security classified CONFIDENTIAL and is to be handled as such in all correspondence and discussions.

b. The initials "NPIC," while not classified, should be used on an unclassified basis only among individuals and organizations officially aware of their meaning and then only when necessary to the conduct of business.

c. All CIA personnel under the jurisdiction of NPIC are considered overt employees of CIA and as such may admit to employment by CIA, when necessary, but give no further detailed organizational information.

d. CIA occupancy of Building 213, now officially designated as Building 213, Naval Weapons Plant, is not

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to be volunteered nor publicized to uncleared personnel. Such occupancy may be admitted, however, if in the judgment of the employee involved the circumstances permit no other sensible answer. Personnel under the jurisdiction of NPIC may admit assignment to the [redacted] building.

e. The telephone system for NPIC will remain as an integral part of the CIA system.

f. Contractual arrangements, logistics, deliveries, mail, shuttle service and like matters will be handled in a manner compatible with the security classification of the activity.

3. Operating officials are requested to notify appropriate personnel under their jurisdiction of this decision.

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